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SUBJECT: SOME ARGENTINE PRESS COMMENT ON THE GOA  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO  
AT THE SSOD

1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON  
DISARMAMENT ON FRIDAY BY THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VICE ADMIRAL OSCAR MONTES, THAT  
ARGENTINA WILL RATIFY THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO  
RECEIVED WIDE FRONT PAGE AND EDITORIAL PRESS COMMENT  
OVER THE WEEKEND. ALSO OF SPECIAL INTEREST WAS THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ARGENTINA WOULD RATIFY THE TREATY  
ON THE BANNING OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND THE SEABED  
ARMS CONTROL TREATY.

2. COMMENTARY IN LA OPINION INDICATED THAT  
ARGENTINA HAS NOT CHANGED ITS NUCLEAR POLICY CONCERNING  
THE NPT. ARGENTINA HAD NOT SIGNED THE NPT, AS MONTES  
INDICATED IN HIS SPEECH, BECAUSE IT LEGITIMIZED THE  
DIVISION OF THE WORLD INTO TWO PARTS, THOSE THAT WERE  
GIVEN A COMPLETELY FREE HAND IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD  
AND THOSE WHO WERE RESTRICTED BY THE NPT. EDITORIAL  
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COMMENT IN LA NACION ALSO AGREED WITH THE ARGENTINE  
POLICY ON THE NPT AND STATED THAT THE NPT DID NOT  
IMPOSE ON NUCLEAR POWERS THE CLEAR CUT OBLIGATIONS  
TO DISARM, AND THIS SMALL NUMBER OF ADVANCED COUNTRIES  
ALSO UNJUSTIFIABLY LIMITED THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY  
TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THERE WAS A GREAT  
DEAL OF GENERAL COMMENT INDICATING THAT THE ARGENTINE

AND BRAZILIAN POSITION ON THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO WAS SIMILAR AS IT ALSO WAS ON OTHER TREATIES SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY BOTH COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE SEABED TREATY AND THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS TREATY. BOTH OF COURSE ARE OPPOSED TO THE NPT FOR SIMILAR REASONS.

3. CLARIN STATED THAT BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO DA SILVIRA REQUESTED THE SUPPORT OF ALL COUNTRIES FOR THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND THE TWO PROTOCOLS. THE MINISTER STATED THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD CREATE NEW DENUCLEARIZED (NON NUCLEAR) AREAS THROUGH OTHER TREATIES. HE MENTIONED THAT THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOLS OF TLATELOLCO BY THE US AND USSR IS A GUARANTEE AGAINST NUCLEAR CONFLICTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT BRAZIL OPPOSES FABRICATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS.

4. THE EDITORIAL IN CLARIN ON SUNDAY MENTIONED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOLS 1 AND 2 OF TLATELOLCO BY THE US, FRANCE, AND USSR, AND TREATY ITSELF BY ARGENTINA, INDICATES THAT LATIN AMERICA WILL HOPEFULLY BE THE SECOND NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE WORLD AS IN THE CASE WITH ANTARCTICA. THE EDITORIAL WENT ON TO SAY THE WORLD TENDENCY TOWARD NON-PROLIFERATION IS REAFFIRMED AND SUPPORTED BY THE LATEST ACTIONS OF THE TWO WORLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POWERS TOWARD RENEWED SALT TALKS AND THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO AVOID A NUCLEAR DISASTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR POLICY OF COEXISTENCE. HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT ARGENTINA SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS DEVELOPMENT IN THE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR FIELD BY ASSERTING ITS LEADERSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA AND CARRYING OUT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD TOWARD PEACEFUL ENDS.

5. ANOTHER ARTICLE IN CLARIN AGAIN MENTIONED THAT THE WORLD POWERS ARE WORKING INTENSIVELY FOR A REDUCTION OF ARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION TOWARD DISARMAMENT, THE ARTICLE STATED THAT CUBA COULD NOT REASONABLY DELAY RATIFICATION OF TLATELOLCO FOR VERY LONG. THE FACT THAT THE US HAS RECENTLY SENT THE RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL 2 TO THE SENATE FOR APPROVAL PREEMPTS CUBA'S CLAIMING OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE US WOULD MAINTAIN NUCLEAR AREAS IN SOME OF ITS TERRITORIES IN THE REGION. ALSO, THE CUBAN CLAIM OVER THE GUANTAMANO BASE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE NUCLEAR TREATY SITUATION. HOWEVER, ANOTHER

ARTICLE TODAY APPEARING IN CLARIN STATED THAT CUBA AFFIRMED AT THE UN SSOD THEY WOULD NOT SIGN THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AS LONG AS A PART OF THEIR TERRITORY WAS OCCUPIED ILLEGITIMATELY BY THE US IN GUANTANAMO.

6. COMMENTS: THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN THE PRESS AS TO WHETHER ARGENTINA WILL WAIVE TLATELOLCO INTO FORCE IMMEDIATELY THUS FOLLOWING UP WITH A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA OR WILL RATIFY WITHOUT WAIVING ARTICLE 28 INTO FORCE. THERE WAS ALSO NO MENTION OF PNE'S IN MONTE'S STATEMENT OR IN ANY PRESS EDITORIALS. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO THE FACT THAT ARGENTINA HAS NOW LIVED UP TO ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE US DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT THAT ARGENTINA WOULD RATIFY THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. COMMENTS FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM ON EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS IN CNEA AND MFA ON THE STATUS OF ARGENTINE POLICY RELATED TO RATIFICATION OF TLATELOLCO.  
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